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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: ENCODING AND DECODING SYSTEM

FOR AUDIO SYSTEMS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with Rule 136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a 1-month extension of time extending to July 12, 2004, the first business day after Saturday, July 10, 2004, the period for response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004. A check for \$110.00 and the responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1805. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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